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ASSISTANCE AND REHABILITATION DIVISION **Family Benefits Branch**

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Provides living allowances and benefits to persons who are likely to be in need for a long period of time.

Family Services Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Provides back up social services to recipients of Provincial allowances.

Homes for the Aged—

Office on Aging Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Provides financial, administrative and program support to residential facilities for the elderly, halfway houses and senior citizens' centres.

Legal Aid Assessment Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Assesses the financial eligibility of applicants for legal aid assistance.

Municipal Welfare

Administration Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Supervises and advises municipalities in the administration of General Welfare Assistance and municipal social services to the needy.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Services Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Develops, restores and improves the working capacity of the physically and mentally handicapped and places them in satisfying employment.

As you probably know, there is a major reorganization of the structure of the Ontario Government taking place. Some departments will be joining others to form new "Ministries". We appreciate the difficulty people may have in keeping track of just who looks after each area of responsibility in an organization as large as the Government of Ontario. That's why we've prepared this guide about the Ministry of Community and Social Services.

There are a number of branches that have been assigned to the new Ministry. Each branch is responsible for a particular program or programs of service. Most of these branches have come to the new Ministry from the former Department of Social and Family Services but there are others that have come from the Departments of Education, Labour, Provincial Secretary and Citizenship, and Agriculture and Food. To assist you in locating the appropriate service in the new Ministry of Community and Social Services, the following list of branches and their responsibilities is supplied for your reference. The list is divided into headings to help you locate a program or branch more quickly.

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Rene Brunelle,
Minister

CHILDREN'S SERVICES DIVISION

Child Welfare Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Offers financial program and administrative advice to Children's Aid Societies of Ontario.

Children's and Youth

Institutions Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Provides planning and financial aid to groups establishing residential facilities for young people.

Day Nurseries Branch

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Licences and supervises all nursery and child day care centres and offers financial support to municipalities and associations for the mentally retarded to establish centres.

COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION

Citizenship Branch

Formerly with Provincial Secretary and Citizenship. Provides a reception program and helps immigrants adjust to life in Ontario.

Community Development Branch

Formerly with Provincial Secretary and Citizenship. Assists individuals and groups establish better services and programs in their community.

Indian Community Branch

Formerly with Provincial Secretary and Citizenship. Facilitates groups and individuals to help native communities working toward self-determination and

independence, also provides grants to Indian and Metis organizations and friendship centres.

Special Community Projects

Formerly with Social and Family Services and Education. Stimulates employment of Ontario's people by providing financial assistance to organizations and agencies so that they may hire a person they might otherwise not be able to afford and at the same time provide a service to the community involved.

Office of Athletics Commissioner

Formerly with the Department of Labour. Encourages the development of amateur athletics and administers the activities of professional boxing and wrestling.

Youth and Recreation Branch

Formerly with the Department of Education. Assists groups to develop informal community educational, recreational and leisure activity programs.

Formerly with the Department of Agriculture and Food, grants for community centres.

REGIONAL ADMINISTRATION/ FIELD SERVICES

Administers Family Benefits and co-ordinates legal aid assessment, day nurseries, vocational rehabilitation and family services in the regional and sub-offices of the Ministry.

BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

Board of Review

Formerly with Social and Family Services. A board of appeal for Family Benefits, Vocational Rehabilitation and General Welfare Assistance.

Soldier's Aid Commission

Formerly with Social and Family Services. Offers financial assistance to Ontario's war veterans and their dependents.

SUPPORT SERVICES

As well as the operational programs there are a number of administrative and supportive Branches in the new Ministry of Community and Social Services.

Communications Branch

Responsible for the development and facilitating of public information programs on the Ministry.

Legal Services

Handles all the Ministry's legal matters.

Medical Advisory Services

Acts as a consulting body to the Ministry on all medical matters.

Personnel Branch

Provides personnel services within the Ministry.

Research and Planning Branch

Develops and funds research programs involving social and community development.

Training and Staff

Development Branch

Stimulates and facilitates the personal and professional development of employees.

FINANCIAL ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES DIVISION

Accounts Branch

Records and passes for payment all Ministerial expenditures.

Administrative Services Branch

Provides supportive administrative services to the Ministry.

Audit Services Branch

Verifies that all of the subsidies and grants paid out are correct according to legislation and agreements.

Financial Consulting

Services Branch

Provides financial and management consulting services to groups receiving financial support from the Ministry.

Program Co-ordination Branch

Develops and co-ordinates the implementation and use of the Planned Program Budgeting System.

Systems and Procedures Branch

Improves efficiency and reduces overall operating costs within the Ministry.

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Where do we go for more information?

Should you have questions about any of the branches, boards or services of the new Ministry of Community and Social Services, please write the Communications Branch of the Ministry in the Hepburn Block, Queen's Park, Toronto, or telephone 965-7252. You can also receive a variety of publications, films, slide presentations and displays on services of the new Ministry through this branch.

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